

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
MEETING MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

Acting Chairman Alan D. Gardner called the Board of Equalization to order at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, September 17, 2013, in the Commission Chambers of the Washington County Administration Building, 197 E. Tabernacle St., St. George, UT 84770. Those present were Alan D. Gardner, Dennis Drake, Assessor Arthur L. Partridge, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, Clerk-Auditor Kim M. Hafen, Assessor's Office Representative Judy Burton, and Deputy Clerk Christine S. Hall.

Judy Burton of the Washington County Assessor's Office said there are two issues being considered today.

First is an appeal to a Rollback decision by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wong. They are from California, and Mr. Wong is elderly. They put their property into a trust and the Assessor's Office sent them new applications to sign. Mr. Wong called and said he wasn't sure whether they still wanted to keep the property in Greenbelt and didn't know whether his lessee was still interested in leasing it. Reminders were sent to Mr. Wong that were not responded to. The rollback was done, at which time his son called to correct the situation, stating that they did, in fact, desire to have the rollback done.

MOTION: Motion by Dennis Drake to Approve the Rollback and Continue this property on Greenbelt status. Motion seconded by Alan Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Dennis Drake and Alan Gardner voting aye.

The second issue has been ongoing for quite some time. In performing an audit of this property, it was discovered that all necessary signatures were not on file. The Seventh Day Adventists of Nevada had never signed the application. Paperwork was sent by the Assessor's Office and, receiving no response for nearly nine months, generated the rollback process. Mr. Duerksen sent a check with a note stating he wasn't sure if that was the correct procedure. Later, the Assessor's Office received the signed application from the Seventh Day Adventists. The Assessor's Office recommends refunding the rollback.

MOTION: Motion by Dennis Drake to Approve the Actions of the Assessor's Office and Refund the Rollback. Motion seconded by Alan Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Alan Gardner and Dennis Drake voting aye.

Having no other business, the Board of Equalization Hearing was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

CHRISTINE S. HALL
DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

ALAN D. GARDNER
ACTING CHAIRMAN